

**City of Greenbelt Maryland  
Memorandum**



**To:** Michael McLaughlin, City Manager *MPM*  
**From:** Richard Fink II, Superintendent of Parks and Grounds  
**Date:** 10/23/2015  
**Re:** PEPCO Vegetation Management Plans #15741 & #15742

Pepco, the electric utility which serves the city, has proposed vegetation management work as it is required by the Maryland Public Service Commission. The work will occur on city property primarily along street rights-of-way as well as on private property. City permission is being sought for the work along streets and on city property.

The plans propose tree removal and tree pruning/trimming along seven (7) feeder lines serving the community. (5) feeder lines, identified by Pepco as 15738, 15739, 15740, 15744 and 34021/28; have previously been approved by Council. Additional review was requested for plans 15741 and 15742 during a July 22<sup>nd</sup> work session.

At the request of Council, Staff consulted with the Advisory Committee on Trees, in addition to a number of homeowner associations and neighborhood groups including Greenbelt Homes Inc., Charlestowne Village, Boxwood, Lakeside, Windsor Green, Condo Ventures Inc., and Lakewood. In addition to the 82 trees that were originally marked by staff as refusal, an additional 9 trees have been recommended for refusal as a result of conversations with community groups. The total number of trees marked as refusal is now 91.

All trees in the Forest Preserve, which are not included in the above totals, are considered "not recommended for removal" until the Forest Preserve Advisory Board reviews its management guidelines to determine the best course of action.

**Summary**

City Staff, ACT, and various homeowner groups have reviewed Pepco plans 15741 and 15742 in great detail and recommend Council approve the work.